GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2560
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PASSPORTS TO BANGLADESHI/AFGHANI NATIONALS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether passports to Bangladeshi/Afghani nationals are being issued from various passport offices in the country ;

(b) if so, the details of the cases noticed during 2000,2001 till date, state-wise;

(c) the action taken against those found guilty in this regard ; and

(d) the steps taken to check the recurrence of such incidents ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) No Sir. Passports are issued after receipt of a clear police verification report which inter-alia establishes the applicant`s identity & Indian Nationality. As when any case of an Afghani or Bangladeshi National having fraudulently obtained an Indian Passport comes to the notice of the Government, the passport is revoked and the concerned police authorities are asked to re-verify the nationality.

(c) No Passport official has been found guilty in this regard in the recent past.

(d) Efforts are continuously made to strengthen the system of Police Verification.